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During February, March, and April 1964 a Special Task Force was organized in the DD/I Operations Center to concern itself with the military situation in South Vietnam, and with matters in Southeast Asia affecting that situation. This Task Force was given a high priority because of the importance of U. S. policy considerations underway during that period and because of the possible trends that the war in South Vietnam might take. The Deputy Director of Intelligence has asked me to express his appreciation for your efforts as a member of that Task Force.

I would like to add my appreciation to that of the DD/I. The Task Force operated in very difficult working conditions and had to overcome the problems of organizing the flow of appropriate information, establishing files and working maps, and learning to work together with other members of the Task Force in a very short period of time. Furthermore, the problems of the Task Force were of such a nature that you were required to do a large part of the work on the basis of your own initiative with a minimum amount of supervision. I am very pleased with the substantive results that we were able to accomplish during the existence of the Task Force. You made a substantial contribution to those results.

I am particularly grateful for your assistance in running the Task Force and for your broad understanding of the objectives we were trying to obtain and your sound grasp of research methods for attaining them.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief, South Vietnam Task Force

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